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 Title: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A MASK USING A HARDMASK AND  
 METHOD FOR MAKING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING THE  
 SAME

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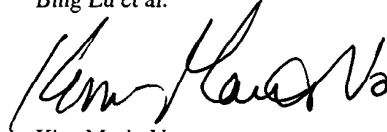
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